

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding with a base plate and a center disk in a circular center opening in the center of the base plate, wherein the center disk rests with a circumferential section ~~tapered~~ oriented towards ~~the~~ a snowboard on an edge section of the base plate which expands away from the snowboard at the center opening and the center disk is provided with fastening openings for ~~the~~ fastening elements for fixing the center disk and thus the base plate to the snowboard, and with a locking device which is arranged on the edge section of the base plate at the center opening and secures the center disk ~~on~~ at the base plate against rotational movement, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a contact surface is provided on the base plate and on the circumference of the center disk respectively, the locking device presses the contact surface on the base plate in vertical direction towards the snowboard against the contact surface on the circumference of the center disk and the contact surface on the circumference of the center disk is provided on a radial projection of the center disk, which is designed as one piece with the center disk.

16. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the contact surface of the center disk and/or the contact surface on the base plate has a friction or positive connection against rotational movement of the center disk with respect to the base plate.

17. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the positive connection is formed by a toothing arrangement.

18. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the locking device for pressing together the contact surfaces on the center disk and the base plate ~~has~~comprises a screw which engages in the center disk and in the base plate in ~~the~~an area of the contact surfaces.

19. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the screw penetrates a circular-arc shaped slit about the center of the center disk in the area of the contact surfaces on the center disk and/or the base plate ~~and~~and is provided with an extension which overlaps the center disk and/or the base plate at the slit.

20. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the contact surface of the base plate is provided in a recess of the base plate.

21. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the circumferential section on the center disk ~~which is tapered towards the snowboard~~ and the edge section of the base plate which expands away from the snowboard at the center opening are of a smooth design.

22. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the circumferential section on the center disk ~~which is tapered towards the snowboard~~ and the edge section of the base plate which expands away from the snowboard at the center opening are of a curved or stepped design in their cross section.

23. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the base plate stands out with its bottom side by less than 0.5 mm over the bottom side of the center disk.

24. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fastening openings on both sides of the diameter of the center disk are arranged at the same distance from the diameter.

25. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 24, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the fastening openings are designed as elongated holes which run parallel to the diameter of the center disk.

26. (Currently amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 24, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the contact surface of the center disk encloses on one side of the diameter an angle that is smaller than the angle of the contact surface on the other side of the diameter.

27. (New) Snowboard binding comprising:

a base plate including a circular center opening in the center of the base plate and an edge section extending about the center opening, wherein one portion of the edge section includes a recess for opening toward the snowboard, the recess having a face defining a base plate contact surface;

a center disk for placement in the center opening of the base plate, the center disk including fastening openings to receive fastening elements for securement into inserts of a snowboard whereby the center disk is fixedly mounted to the snowboard, the center disk including a flange extending about a periphery thereof and a radial projection projecting radially outwardly beyond the flange about a portion of the circumference thereof, the radial projection being received

within the recess of the base plate and including a projection contact surface facing the base plate contact surface; and

a locking device for securing the base plate onto the center disk by pressing the base plate contact surface of the edge section having the recess towards the snowboard and into contact with the projection contact surface to prevent rotational movement of the base plate relative to the center disk.

28. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 27, wherein at least one of the projection contact surface and the base plate contact surface has a friction or positive connection against rotational movement of the center disk with respect to the base plate.

29. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 28, wherein the recess defining the base plate contact surface of the one portion of the edge section of the base plate comprises a first recess, another portion of the edge section of the base plate defining a second recess having an opening contact surface oriented in an opposite direction to the base plate contact surface formed by the first recess, said second recess for receiving the flange of said center disk along the another portion of the edge section.

30. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 27, wherein the locking device for pressing together the contact surfaces on the center disk and the base plate engages the base plate in the area of the base plate contact surface and engages the radial projection of the center disk in the area of the projection contact surface.

31. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 27, the radial projection of the center disk including a circular-arc shaped slit extending along a circumferential path of the

projection relative to a center of the center disk for receiving the locking device.

32. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 31, the locking device comprising a screw that penetrates a circular-arc shaped slit about the center of the center disk in the area of the projection contact surface and the base plate contact surface, wherein the radial projection includes a nut secured thereto for receiving the screw, tightening of the screw causing the base plate contact surface and the projection contact surface to contact each other.

33. (New) Snowboard binding according to Claim 27, wherein the base plate is rotatable up to 45 degrees with respect to the center disk.